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1. UPON HEARING THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIES HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, FONMIN HAD HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE EMBASSY TO INQUIRE AND EXPRESS HIS CONCERN. SOON THEREAFTER PRIMIN CALLED ME TO INQUIRE ABOUT AMBASSADOR DAVIES. BY THEN WE KNEW HE HAD DIED. PRIMIN ASKED THAT HIS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES BE EXTENDED TO THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND AMBASSADOR DAVIES' FAMILY.

2. MANY OF US IN THIS EMBASSY HAVE BEEN RODGER'S FRIENDS FOR YEARS. THERE WAS NO ONE, I THINK, WITH WHOM WE LIVED THROUGH MORE PROBLEMS AND CRISES, AND THE ADMIRATION WE HAD ALWAYS FELT FOR HIM GREW EVEN STRONGER DURING THESE RECENT DAYS. IN THIS LATEST PERIOD OF STRAIN AND DISAPPOINTMENT, IT WAS EXTRAORDINARILY COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT WE HAD SUCH A CALM, INDEFATIGABLE AND RESOURCEFUL PROFESSIONAL AT OUR SIDE. IRONICALLY, THE LAST THING WE SAID TO AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN DEPARTING LAST NIGHT FOR CYPRUS, WAS "TELL RODGER FOR ALL OF US, WE THINK HE IS DOING A HELL OF A JOB."
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